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I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners  
and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—Cowper.



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## Humaneness

By RUTH EWING



**W**HEN the states of California, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming passed laws requiring moral training and the teaching of humaneness in their public schools, a great remedial step in the educational system of the United States was taken. Humaneness is nothing more nor less than justice, and as justice is an indivisible quality there can be but one kind for all creatures. It is this doctrine of common humanity that is being introduced into our public schools as part of the regular study course for the purpose of making common justice a common practice.

For a long time the schools developed the intellectual to the detriment of the physical welfare of the child. This mistake was pointed out, and the school work widened to include physical culture. Next, the appalling need for moral instruction made itself felt. Today, there is recognition of this need and special, systematic training in that direction is being given in fully one-third of the public schools in this country. Thus, after years of experimentation, we have grasped the fact that character building is the foundation of education. Strangely enough, what should have come first in our educational system came last.

### The Basis of True Culture

Intellectual attainment is a valuable thing but mere mental virtuosity without the moral principle to regulate thought and action does not constitute true culture. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Education, to be complete, should promote both the moral and mental growth of the child. Children should be taught the efficacy of love,

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mercy and consideration in all the ministrations of life. The idea that good is powerful to overcome evil, implanted in the child mind, is the acorn thought which will grow to be a wide-spreading tree of knowledge known as universal thought. This humanized thought will construct a kingdom of righteousness.

It is often argued that the school course is already overcrowded. It is. But even so, is there anything in the entire curriculum that is more important to acquire than a disposition to be just? The answer to this question as given by the educators, parents and legislators of thirteen different states is that the teaching of humane principles in our schools, as well as in our churches and homes, is the only logical, comprehensive method of dealing with the question of morality and humanity and, therefore, that time should be devoted to it.

### Will Raise the Standard of Conduct

There is no reason why kindness, humanity and moral courage may not be taught in our schools quite as easily and effectively as the three "R's,"—past custom to the contrary. It is perfectly practicable to teach rectitude of thought and principled action to our school children, and these are the vitals of law and order. Certain it is that nothing in the entire "university of learning" will contribute more toward establishing a firm basis for civilization. If children can be taught to understand that it is fair and square to be humane in their daily dealing with even the lowliest creatures, it is bound to give them a higher standard of conduct.

It is difficult to formulate rules by which this doctrine of kindness may be taught. One might as well attempt to make rules for playing the piano by ear. The unprescribed nature of the subject makes it impossible to limit it to any formal scheme. For that reason more depends upon the school life and the character and influence of the teacher than upon any outlined plan. The teacher must be imbued with the spirit of the task and be interested and intuitive enough to devise ways and means of teaching honesty, obedience, self-control, interest in humanity, and loving regard for the rights of others. This quality of influence cannot be analyzed, but the Chicago Board of Education

pronounces it "the strongest and most vital of all the forces of the school."

Speaking from practical experience in humane education as carried on by humane societies, it is believed that the most effective way of teaching children to respect the rights of others is to acquaint them with the individuality and engaging characteristics of their animal friends as well as with the practical ways in which they serve the interests of mankind. A child is not apt to be cruel to an animal that is a familiar friend; consequently, by giving him something upon which to base such a friendship, the most certain means of insuring the animal's safety is employed. Most children are impressionable little beings and there are two infallible ways of reaching the best that is in them; by appealing to their imagination and to their sense of chivalry. Once gain the child's affectionate interest in an animal, and his instincts are humanized. A mere suggestion is often enough to turn the tide from wanton cruelty to ardent champion-ship. The influence of this doctrine of kindness which is implanted in the child's thought will not end with the protection of animals but, because of the improved moral standard, will extend through all the activities of life and finally be of inestimable worth to the commonwealth.

### Cash Value of This Method

Aside from the ethical growth resulting from humane education there is a cash value in the system that is not to be overlooked. In the matter of the treatment of animals, for instance—regardless of the humanitarian view—commercial interest alone should prompt an intelligent, practical conservation of these creatures. If, by instruction in the schools as to the proper care of animals, we can insure them better treatment, it will add fifty per cent. to the span of their lives and as much more to their market value. This will enrich the individual owner and his gain will go to swell the wealth of the state. Thus, the educational method that makes the child comprehend that kind, reasonable treatment of animals, particularly those of utility, means an actual, definite gain in both morals and money, will be a splendid instructor in practical humanity and political economy.

The course of study adopted for use in the



elementary schools in the city of Chicago does not include any formal instruction. It seeks to broaden the sympathies of children and to interest, instruct and influence them to think and act humanely without "preaching" or pointing obvious morals. It has been found that the regular school work furnishes abundant material for moral training: selections from the readers, pictures in various books, Nature study, history, civics, English composition, writing, recitations, songs, supplementary reading and library books supply copious material for such use. The regular exercises held at the opening of school, on Friday afternoons, holidays, Arbor and Bird Day, afford natural and excellent opportunities for injecting the humane idea. The recital of kind deeds relating to humanity toward people and animals is considered one of the best means of making a vivid impression and showing the power of example.

The course aims to encourage good thought and feeling and the actual performance of kind acts, and believes that school life offers many golden opportunities for such exercise. When the pupil has experienced the joy and satisfaction of doing good to others, he, himself, has become an instructor in humane education.

The value of good deeds in the work of character building was recognized and advocated by Plutarch over eighteen hundred years ago, showing that the idea is no new thought. He delivered himself of a remarkable fund of humane sentiment, and wrote many interesting stories of animals and their traits and characteristics, showing their intelligence, gentleness, courage, loyalty and worth in the scheme of creation, and urged the children of his time to do likewise.

The basic argument for the application of the Golden Rule in the treatment accorded animals is the fact that, like ourselves, they have feelings of grateful responsiveness to kindness and affection and a common sensitiveness to abuse and pain. When we are made acquainted with daily living from the viewpoint of the furred and feathered kind we see that this viewpoint is not an imaginary one and that it really establishes the true kinship of creation.

The hour has been struck by our school-house clocks when the children are to learn of a practical religion of Love that includes all—even the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field and every living thing that "creepeth upon the earth," and that they have been given loving "dominion over them."

#### DOES THE HORSE PUSH OR PULL?

The following question appeared some time ago in our city paper: "Does a horse push or does it pull its load?" The paper invited answers, with promise to print the best one. I wrote the following answer which was published:

A lever of the third class has its power between the fulcrum and the weight.

In this case the horse is the power, the horse-collar the fulcrum, and the load its weight.

The horse, which is the power, is pushing or pressing against the collar, which is the fulcrum, and as the load is attached to the collar by tugs, the collar is really the thing that is pulling or drawing the load, by means of the horse pushing the collar; therefore the horse has to push in order to move the load.

E. M. HANNON in *The Youth's Instructor*.

#### APRIL

By EVER M. HOLMES

Her wiles lure simple robins on,  
To build their nests and sing  
Love's preludes for us night and morn,  
And wing us, shyly mating,  
Bird symphonies at dawn.

#### AWAY WITH THE CHECKREIN

By ALICE JEAN CLEATOR

Away with the checkrein! By Fashion 'twas planned!

O, let it be banished by Mercy's kind hand!

Away with the checkrein! Come, join the crusade!

Let kindness and justice our motto be made!

We ask these dumb creatures to toil hour by hour,

Yet by such invention deprive them of power.

Away with the checkrein! It robs them of ease,

A painful incumbrance, producing disease!

O give them the freedom their full weight to throw

Hard into the collar with head bending low!

Away with the checkrein! Such tortures belong

Far back in the ages of darkness and wrong.

You ask for a reason why checkreins should go?

Then look at a horse that is crippled up so!

His head, held so high, seems to wear a proud guise,

But, O, what entreaty looks forth from his eyes!

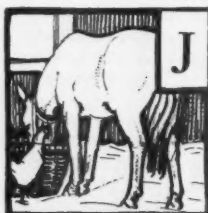
O shame on such merciless custom, thrice shame!

Who does not denounce it must share in the blame.

Away with the checkrein! By Fashion 'twas planned!

O let it be banished by Mercy's kind hand!

#### MILKY-WAY JIM



JIM was old and decrepit. Not only were his days of usefulness over, but he was literally down and out—down in his stall and too weak to rise; too weak to be gently cared for until spring, then to be turned into some field of

knee-deep clover there to feast and rest, with his heaviest occupation the whisking of his tail to drive away annoying flies. This was what his master had planned for his old age, and what he longed to do for Jim.

"Well, George, I guess it's all over for Jim," said the doctor. "I know how you feel about it, and if I were you I would just put him to sleep with chloroform. He's in misery now, and that would be an easy way to end it."

When a man has owned and used a horse thirteen years, and become attached to him as a pet, and realizes that half the town knows and likes the old nag almost as well as he does himself, it is not half easy for him to see the old horse take the final leap. That was the way Mr. Acuff felt about Jim, and when he realized that it was all over for the old boy his eyes filled with tears, and he just plainly cried, before he was able to say to the doctor that he guessed it would have to be done, and added, "Do it as kindly as you can," and then he left the stable and did not return until Jim, "denied in heaven the soul he held on earth," was a horse no more. It was an easy end for the old gray.

Nearly everyone in Meadville, Pennsylvania, knew Jim, for he drew a milk wagon sixteen years and had those traits of intelligence and character that made everybody like him.

He was born gray, about twenty-one years ago, and never went back on his color. August Roha owned him a few years and used him on a

milk route, and about thirteen years ago he was purchased by George B. Acuff. Jim was eight years old then, and from that time on his life continued in the milky way and his dignified, modest bearing made him friends all along his route. He was a gentlemanly horse from the ground up, and he knew both his friends and his route. These traits were recognized by many, and he was so great a favorite that he was the common target for kodak owners, and many a home in the town has Jim's picture.

Jim needed no driver to make his route of something over three hundred houses, and the driver seldom rode the wagon. He would keep the sidewalk and Jim would stop in front of every house in regular order as accurately as



"MILKY-WAY JIM"

though the driver held the reins; and all the driver had to do was to take the bottles from the wagon and deliver them, place the return bottle in the wagon, and tell Jim to "go on." Jim would go to the next house, and stop without being told. If there was a new customer, Jim had to be stopped at the house only once, and he knew the place and would stop there every time after; and if a patron were dropped, he had to be told only once to "go on," and he would not stop there again.

Jim had the biggest "sweet tooth" of any horse ever known, and it is claimed for him that he probably ate more fruit and candy than any other horse ever in Meadville. Many of Mr. Acuff's patrons knew of Jim's weakness for fruit and candy and loved to cultivate it, and there were quite a number along the route who seldom failed to have some little tidbit for him daily.

One thing Jim would do that no other horse, it is said, has ever been taught to do in Meadville—and this Jim learned himself; just picked it up. When he came to the end of a route on a street where it was necessary to turn around and go back, he would make the turn without a driver. "Go on, Jim," the driver would say when he had taken the bottle out for the last house on the street, and Jim would go on to the turning place, turn the wagon, without cramping the wheels, and come back, stopping to wait for his driver if necessary.

In speaking about old Jim recently, Mr. Acuff, who is one of the best known horsemen in this part of the country, and has owned some prize winners on the small and the grand circuit, said: "This old horse, Jim, was the smartest and most intelligent horse I ever knew; sometimes he seemed almost human. I have not the slightest doubt that he understood a great deal I said to him; things I never tried to teach him. He knew his friends, and he was as sensitive as a child. He was a gentlemanly horse, and if any horse ever had a soul, I know that Jim had one."



## PRACTICAL HORSE TALK

By M. T. McKAY



**T**HERE has been always something fascinating to me about buying, training and even working with horses. I have studied and handled them all my life, as a farmer in Nova Scotia, a coachman in New England, express driver in New York City, and again a farmer on the prairies of Alberta, and yet I am learning something new about "man's best friend" every day.

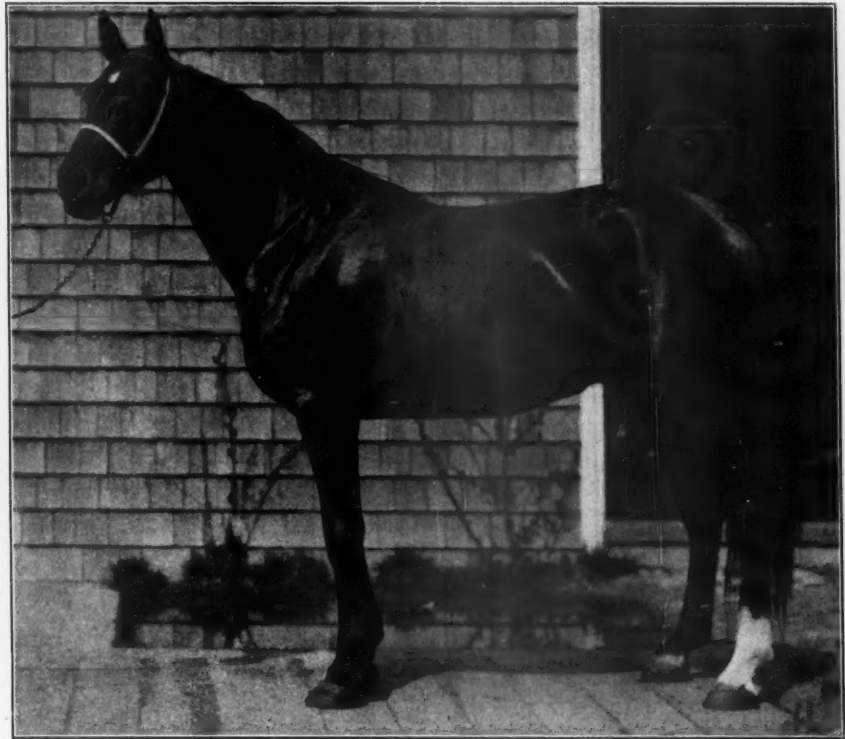
I remember a beautiful Clydesdale horse we had for a number of years on the farm down East; one of the best and most faithful animals at times that ever pulled a trace, but he had a habit, once in a while, of getting balky, perhaps on account of former bad driving or abuse, which are the causes of balkiness in a good many cases. This horse seemed to get up "cranky" some mornings, just as a good many people do. When he was in this mood the points of his ears would almost touch each other, and this was the signal for trouble. The remedy was to hitch him up and keep puttering around the wagon, sometimes offering his mate a handful of oats. This would take his mind off his sulky mood. He seemed almost to court punishment at such times, and not to let on that you noticed him, was the sure cure. After a few minutes he would start off and be all right for a long time.

Some time ago I traded for a pair of horses that were so balky at times they would not haul the empty wagon home for their owner. I knew all about this when trading and took a chance on reforming them. They were each different in disposition. One was as crafty as a fox and would not stand a bad driver; the other was a willing worker but had been abused. This is how I cured them: I was kind to them; drove them around several times with the empty wagon, then I put on a very light load, then I loaded them up gradually and after a time I had their confidence. I used them for two years and a better team I never owned.

I find that a few horses are born with a balky streak the same as others are kickers, but the majority of balking and kicking horses are driven to it by bad drivers, overloads and abuse. A driver that doesn't know his business, in nine cases out of ten, starts to abuse and lick his horses when they get stuck with a load. A good teamster knows when a team has done its best, when in a bad place. Instead of abusing the horses he does the very opposite, petting and encouraging them. It is wonderful how a little judgment will get a load out of a bad place. Sometimes, if you wait awhile, another team will happen along and help out, at other times digging in front of the wheels or removing part of the load may be necessary, but don't ever let your temper allow you to abuse your team.

I find that a great many horses are ruined physically by bad stabling, no light, no ventilation, foul odors. How would you like to spend night or day where you keep your horse? Think it over. Give him light, good ventilation, but no draughts and a clean stable. Water him often on hot days. It will put dollars in your pockets if you give this a thought, and you will feel more happy if your horse is comfortable. He will do more work, too.

Let him roll every day. I believe more in this than currying and brushing. The latter are all right but I think rolling is more beneficial. Don't keep your horses tied up day after day in the stable. I have had thirty years' experience,



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have owned over 500 head, have never lost a horse and had very few sick ones. Perhaps I was lucky, but I know the above ideas will help you as they have me. Give the noble horse a show. It pays. It's logic. It's common-sense. No two horses are alike. Give them a square deal. You will be a better man by doing so.

## THE HORSE'S VACATION

By HELEN M. RICHARDSON

I'm going to have a vacation;  
I don't know where it will be;  
I know it's away from the city,  
And that is enough for me.

They say I shall roam in pastures,  
And roll in the fresh green grass;  
Where neither street-cars nor autos  
Can terrify me as they pass.

I'm going to leave off my harness;  
I'm going to caper and run;  
Perhaps I shall have companions  
To join with me in my fun.

I shall dip my nose in the water  
Of a brook that sings its way  
Through this wonderful, sweet, green pas-  
ture  
Where I for a time shall stay.

There are trees with wide-spreading  
branches  
To shelter me from the sun;  
Bushes that I can nibble  
When weary of frolic and fun.

I shall sleep at night in the open,  
With stars shining over my head;  
The air blowing fresh in my nostrils,  
And the soft grass for my bed.

Good-by to the hard city pavements,  
Where the scorching sun beats down;  
To feed bags and stuffy stable—  
I'm going away from town.

I'm going to have a vacation,  
The first one I've ever had.  
Out in the country I'm going,  
Do you wonder that I am glad?

## THAT GRAY ARABIAN

Voorheesville, N. Y., March 22, 1913.

Editor *Our Dumb Animals*:

The picture of the gray Arabian on the cover of the April issue of *Our Dumb Animals* brings to my mind a very pretty incident in which he played a prominent part. During the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, I was a newspaper correspondent, and on my first visit to the Bedouin camp, this small gray stallion which, it was then reported, had been sold for \$20,000, attracted my attention. I said to a gentleman near me who, although dressed in European fashion, wore a bright red fez, "These are not really Arabian horses, are they?"

"Yes, Madame, they are. We are not Chicago liars," was his instant answer, in pure English, with the least possible accent.

I was amused, you may be sure, for he was Mr. Ameen A. Shibley, of Beirut, Syria, who had come over with twenty pure Arabian horses, and several families of Arabs, to represent Bedouin life in the desert. He was a Christian, graduate of the American College at Beirut—a thoroughly cultured gentleman.

After I saw those wonderful horses perform from the excellent vantage-point he obtained for my party, my opinion underwent a change as to the horses. Oh, they were wonderful! That show was the most attractive on the whole Midway.

MAGDALENE MERRITT.

## MRS. RUSSELL SAGE

The picture on the front cover of this issue is that of the well-known philanthropist and animal lover, Mrs. Russell Sage. Her recent munificent gift of \$150,000 to provide a perpetual home for birds, will do as much, we believe, to preserve to all coming time those winged friends so vital to the world's welfare as anything that has been sought or accomplished in their behalf within the past decade.



## Our Animal Friends in the Holy Land

By REV. ROBERT B. PATTISON



**T**HERE are more kinds of animal life in Syria than in any other portion of the world of similar size. Let us think only of those which are useful to mankind, though we would not willingly forget the many wild animals which have their part to play in God's world.

Every American traveler in Palestine sees the same domestic animals to which he is accustomed in his own country: sheep, goats, dogs, oxen, hens and ducks, horses and donkeys. He also sees several which are strange to him; chief among them being the water buffalo and the camel. Of these varieties of life we are perhaps most familiar with the sheep, the dogs, the horses, and the donkeys.

Sheep and goats are usually herded together, and the writer never saw a single instance where they were not treated gently. The rod and the staff of which David wrote in the twenty-third psalm were always in sight and often in use and he never saw a sheep abused by any shepherd. The Arab chiefs sometimes use the middle part of their tents to shelter the sheep during the nights or in storms, and it seemed as if they looked on them as belonging to their family. The sheep were all of the fat-tailed type, some of the tails weighing as much as thirty pounds, we were told. They looked very much like big wobbling bags tied on the end of the animal's back.

If only the dogs were cared for as well as the sheep and goats! In Damascus the dogs have plenty of kicks and little to eat. They are all yellowish in color, all mongrels in breed, all homeless and despised. Every dog is a "yellow dog" in more senses than one. We saw them kicked if they got in the way at all; nobody

Mr. Pattison is a young clergyman, of fine ability, who writes this article as the result of a recent extended trip through Palestine.

seemed to think it right to walk around them and let them sleep in peace. For food they eat whatever the housekeeper throws out into the roadway, from which they are called "living sewers," so sometimes they stuff and sometimes they starve, but usually they starve; all are so thin their ribs are plainly seen, and if one gets sick or wounded the others set on him and kill him after which he may be partly devoured by his former companions. We saw one poor fellow dead along the way, near the house said to have been once occupied by Naaman the leper, of whom you have read in the Bible, and we hoped there had been some kind-hearted little maid who had been as interested in this dog during his life as the little maid of the Bible story had been interested in Naaman's sad plight.

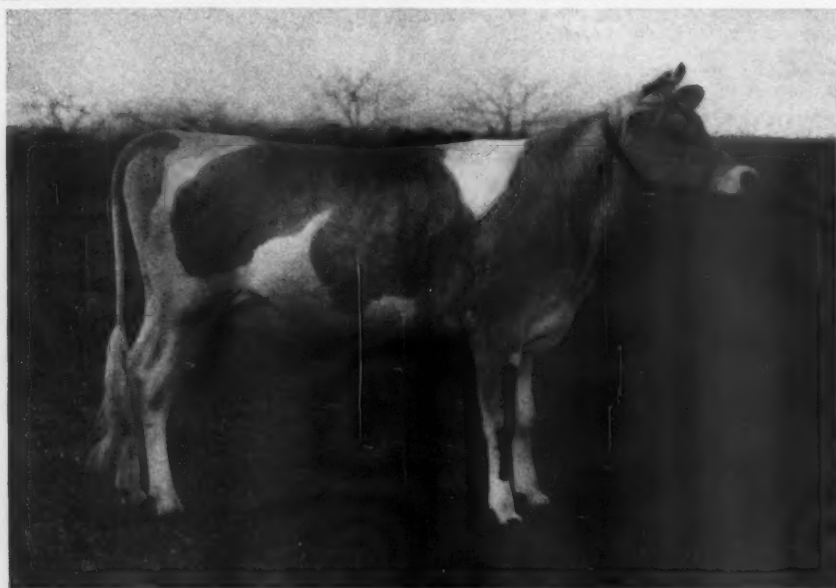
The horses are generally small, due, it is said, to their being overworked when they are young. But some are well built, well fed, and apparently loved, you will be glad to hear. For the most part the horses are not cared for properly and many a horse which looks well enough has several ugly saddle sores underneath hidden out of man's sight; but God knows they are there and must wish His children would not be so cruel to His dumb animals. We saw one horse so overloaded with big chairs he could not lift his feet from the ground, but simply stood trembling as much as to say to his master, "Instead of beating me, if you will please take off some of this awful load I'll do my best to carry it for you anywhere." The swift Arabian horse of which you may have read is seldom seen. Some travelers say there are none at all, though the Sultan of Turkey owns some very beautiful and fleet-footed horses in Constantinople. It is not permitted that the mares be driven, so we were told by a driver in Jerusalem who had been nearly mobbed because he once drove one before he knew how the Arabs think it unmannerly to put harness upon such horses. This seems like kindness, but the truth is that nearly every horse is sore and tired most of the time. Mark Twain, when he was in Palestine, had a horse so badly bruised, so knock-

kneed, so poor in sight that he humorously called him, "Baalbek." Do you know why? Well, Baalbek is a great mass of ruins found in northern Palestine, and Mark Twain's horse was a "magnificent ruin" too, hence the ridiculous name.

One of my Southern friends who knew and loved horses here in the United States told me that when he took the saddle from a horse he had rented in Jerusalem, the back was a mass of sore places where the saddle had rubbed it. The owner must have known how sadly his horse needed care rather than more driving in that hot and waterless land. It is commonly said that the tourists who ride are given wounded horses.

But of all sorry beasts in the Holy Land the poor little donkeys have the hardest time of it. They are loaded almost to the breaking point, one would think, and sticks, stones, and leather whips are used freely upon their hides. The fact that the patient beasts do not seem to mind the beatings they get soothes your own feelings a little, but the bleeding sides and tails let you know there is suffering none the less. The traveler is happy to know that at least the animal which our Lord rode that first Palm Sunday was not abused. The donkey is sometimes used for plowing, when he will be yoked up with perhaps a camel or an ox, and apparently does his share in the uneven pulling. But it is as a beast of burden that he is used chiefly, and anything from a stone water-jar to a load of three people may fall to his lot. The size of a donkey's load seems to depend on the area of the donkey's back—pile on if you can get on, load on what you can tie on, such seems the rule of the owner. There is an Eastern saying that the donkey alone of all the animals possesses no soul, and can never get into heaven. It is said that God once asked the animals if they wanted to enter into Paradise. All said yes immediately, excepting the donkey. He was too cautious to speak hurriedly, and asked first if there were any boys in that land. A boy meant a kick and a stone to him, and when he heard there were plenty of them there he said he preferred to stay outside. But if any beast deserves rest and quietness in the next world it is the poor little donkey of Palestine.

In view of these statements regarding the domestic animals of the Holy Land it may be thought the beasts have nothing but hard knocks and scanty food. A visitor to Jerusalem wrote not long ago: "I think Jerusalem is the most cruel place I have ever been in, and I have been twice round the world." Yet there is good work being done in this very city today, and for the most part by Mohammedans who have organized a branch of the S. P. C. A. there. This was the first S. P. C. A. ever started by Mohammedans in any country. The first step was taken in 1909 and every office was held by men of that faith, and today all the officers are Mohammedans also. Most of the members are natives, the inspectors are such and their recent report shows that care was exercised over horses, donkeys and camels. Much improvement over the previous condition of animals can be noticed already. The Honorable Secretary of the Society for England, A. M. Spoer, wrote two years ago, "There is already a visible effect upon the streets. I often accompany the inspectors on their rounds. A couple of months ago we always returned driving various wounded and suffering animals, horses, mules or donkeys before us. Now we may walk for an hour without being grieved by the shocking sights



GOLDEN MAID'S OPAL, TWO-YEAR-OLD JERSEY



which formerly pained one at every moment. We are dreading the tourist season; the over-ridden horses and donkeys, the overcrowded carriages, the holiday makers who refuse to walk up the precipitous hills of the Jerusalem district."

In Asiatic Turkey there are nearly five hundred Bands of Mercy established in as many schools, and several pamphlets dealing with the proper treatment of animals have been translated into Turkish, Greek and Armenian. Mrs. Manning, whose husband is one of the professors in Robert College, Constantinople, was helped largely in accomplishing these results. This has all been under the guidance and with the assistance of the American Humane Education Society. But in Palestine there are very few Bands of Mercy as yet, and no one has been found willing and able to take up the educational feature.

There is a story told of the camel by which the Arab attempts to explain how the heavy droop of that animal's lower lip is only its expression of the contempt in which it holds all the human race. It is said that there are one hundred names for God and that mankind knows but ninety-nine of them; but the camel knows the special name, the ineffable name, the most wonderful name of all, which is the hundredth name,—and therefore the camel, with its own superior knowledge, scorns the whole human rabble. If this story be true, is it not quite as likely that the camel's sneering under lip also indicates the scorn it has for those men who claim to know ninety-nine names for God and yet so brutally mistreat that lower form of nervous life, the dumb animal, God's creation, and every man's friend? At least, we are glad that animals are being treated better in the Holy Land than once they were, not because the camel will hold men in less contempt, but because it will be a proof that God's love has increased within the hearts of men who are living in the land where Jesus Christ was born.

## JESUS' LOVE FOR ANIMALS An Eastern Legend

Tainting the air, on a sirocco day,  
The carcass of a hound, all loathsome, lay  
In Nazareth's narrow street,  
Wayfarers hurried past,  
Covering mouth and nostrils, and at last  
When purer air they reached, in Eastern style,  
They cursed the dog, and the dog's ancestors,  
And theirs who, bound  
To care for public cleanliness, yet left  
The nuisance there to poison all around.

Then that same way  
Came Jesus, son of Mary, of great fame  
For mighty deeds performed in Allah's name,  
Who said, "How lovely are its teeth, so sharp  
And white as pearls!"—then went His way.

## AN EASTER SONG

Translated from the French of JEROME PERINET  
by MAUD BUTLER

Ring out, gladsome Easter Bells,  
With your joyous lay,  
Over mountain, vale and dells,  
Christ is risen today.

Ring out, Bells of Easter Day,  
Sound your news abroad,  
Touch the hearts of those who say  
"We care not for your God."

Scatter wide the love of good  
In the hearts of men;  
Universal brotherhood  
Be our watchword then.

Forward, Bands of Mercy! On!  
With your work of grace;  
Till a brighter morning dawn  
On a nobler race.

Bands of Mercy, forward! Strive!  
Sow your mighty seed!  
Even now we see arrive  
Harvest-time, indeed.

## Newfoundland Dogs by FELIX J. KOCH

VISITORS to Newfoundland are wont to look for the big, handsome, Newfoundland dogs of which they have heard so much, but they are disappointed for the search is in vain.

As formerly in Turkey, the dogs in Newfoundland infest the streets of the cities and towns. So numerous are they at Harbor Grace that owners are required to hobble them lest they attack passers-by.

These, however, are far from being the true Newfoundland dogs. In fact, Dr. Keegan, the best authority on the matter at St. John's, doubts if there is a single dog of pure breed upon the island. The place to get good Newfoundland dogs today is in London. The dogs that are in Newfoundland now are mostly black mongrels of a shaggy or else curly-black coat of hair, with now and then white markings about the neck.

The stranger in St. John's, venturing among the dwellings and residential sections of the city, encounters oftener the Scotch collie. Then, too, a jet black dog, the nearest to the old type, may be encountered. This dog when but three months of age is of good size; and a pup of the litter, of which there are usually seven, will sell for \$5 or more.

The Newfoundland dog, therefore, is disappearing. Here and there in the United States, however, there are some pure specimens. Out at North Fairmount, a suburb of Cincinnati, may be found the animal shown in the picture. He is a splendid brown and white fellow, the brown appearing almost as spots on a background of white. This dog is six years of age

and has been fed on meat for years, a nickel's worth upon the bone, bought every second day, being sufficient for him. A dog of this kind will not eat as much as might be supposed, nor are such dogs hard to raise. Only once



A GENUINE NEWFOUNDLAND

has this big fellow been sick, and barring getting his foot caught in a barbed-wire fence he has never been hurt by accident. He is, no doubt, among the last genuine Newfoundlands in existence.

## "THANK YOU, DON!"

LAST summer it was my happy chance to become intimately acquainted with a beautiful little eleven-year-old New York City girl, Alice Cox. Although born and having always lived in New York, her love and delight in nature is as refreshing and charming as it is spontaneous. She sees beauty and good in everything and her love for dumb things is touching; in her innocence and simplicity she is absolutely unafraid. The farm dog, the cows and calves, even the pigs, shared with the kittens, the wealth of her lavish affection, but the horse stood pre-eminent. "Yes," she would say, "I love Curly (the dog), but I love horses best of all."

One day, in company with a considerable party, we drove up the Helderberg, and spent the day exploring the many delightful recesses of that noble mountain. On our return Alice drove my horse, a splendid French coach of excellent pedigree.

The little driver sat erect, with extended arms, the reins firmly grasped, the true horsewoman's pose, and with her fair hair blowing in the wind, her charming face tense with enjoyment, she seemed the very embodiment of joy as she guided the powerful animal, who was taking

us along at a spinning gait with his long swinging strides. When we reached home she was, as always, the first to alight, and going up to his head, stood on tip-toe to draw his big handsome face, with the great, questioning, honest eyes, down to her, and kissing him on his velvet nose, whispered, soberly, and so earnestly: "Thank you, Don!" M. M.

## ANIMALS IN OHIO FLOODS

One of the saddest of the many pitiable sights presented by the recent floods in the Middle West was the number of animals suffering lingering deaths. Again and again, as the rescue boats made their way through the silent canals that covered streets, yards and byways, the yelp of some dog would be heard, or the low moan of another canine, mourning the fate of a beloved master, would resound, hollow and sepulchral, through the dismal quiet.

In Hamilton, Ohio, when the rescue crews began the removal of dead animals, innumerable bodies of horses, dogs, cats and fowl, coated so deep with Miami mud as to be next to unrecognizable, were taken across the canal and incinerated, as the quickest and safest means of disposal.



## THE JASMINE BEES

By LESLIE CLARE MANCHESTER

The golden jasmine, it is trailing  
O'er my arbor in the sun.  
The tendrils lean across the railing  
Sweet with blossoms ev'ry one.  
The bees are droning softly o'er them.  
Sniffing here and sniffing there;  
And the florets they adore them,  
Bonny fellows wee and fair!

I have watched them in their coming;  
I have traced them home again!  
And oh, the merry, merry humming  
All adown the white-brier lane.  
They are hived beneath the branches  
Of a sweet magnolia tree;  
And the shadows and the petals  
All are falling fair and free!

One, atilt upon a blossom,  
Sings a work-song, sings it low;  
It is clinging like a 'possum  
Where the sweet persimmons grow.  
Oh, the bees amid the gold flowers  
Of the fragrant jasmine vine,  
How I love them in the bright hours  
Of the Southland's bloom and shine!

## NOW PUT UP BIRD-HOUSES

By EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH, State Ornithologist of Massachusetts



**N**OW is the time to put up bird-houses and nesting boxes. Let no one fail to do this because of the expense. Any boy can make them and the material needed costs little, if anything. The bluebird, martin, tree-swallow, wren,

flicker, chickadee, screech-owl, and wood-duck all nest naturally in hollow trees or cavities in tree limbs.

A hollow branch, five or more inches inside diameter, trimmed from an apple-tree, may be made into several excellent nesting boxes by sawing it into sections each a foot or more long, nailing on each section a piece of board or shingle for a roof, plugging the bottom, cutting a hole on one side near the top for the entrance and fastening it upright to a tree, a building or pole. Old tomato cans, small milk cans and even flower-pots may be used in a similar manner if they be put up in the shade; otherwise the sun will overheat the young birds. A few shingles, bits of boards or any elongated small wooden box like a deep cigar box will make a nesting box that will last for one season or more. Pieces of slabs from the sawmill, nailed together to form a rectangular box, with height greater than width, will make an attractive rustic bird home.

The costly boxes and bird-houses made by manufacturers of such goods are better than most of the home-made ones, but they are not essential, as the birds usually are not fastidious, provided the box and the entrance hole are large enough and the domicile affords a safe shelter from sun, wind and rain.

Many people have been led to believe that birds are shy of painted houses because of the smell or appearance of the paint, but this is an unimportant detail. Birds that usually nest in hollow trees naturally go to a weathered nesting box, but sometimes the same birds prefer a painted one. Any bird-house that is exposed constantly to the sun on a pole should be painted in light colors so that it will not so readily absorb heat. Small shallow open boxes, about five inches inside diameter, put up under an open shed roof in a grape arbor or even under broad eaves, frequently are accepted for nesting places by robins or barn-swallows.

## Song-birds Killed for Food both North and South

[Photographs by representatives of National Association of Audubon Societies]



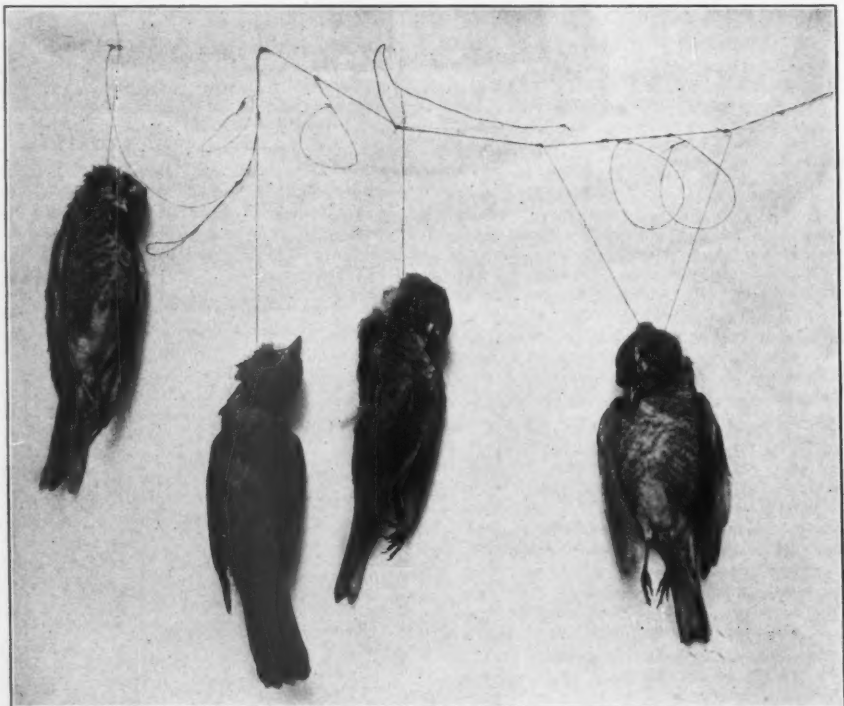
BIRD KILLING IN GEORGIA (1912)

This colored man and white boy had just killed nearly one hundred robins on the morning of the day when this photograph was taken. The man has a few robins in his hand. The boy has a large game bag well filled with them.



BIRD KILLING IN CONNECTICUT (1910)

Twelve robins, three jays, three flickers, two hermit thrushes, and one purple finch found on an Italian by the Fairfield County Game Warden, Wilbur F. Smith, of South Norwalk, Conn. The Italian had no gun. Had a copy of the bird law. The birds were intended for a New York cafe.



BIRD CATCHING IN MASSACHUSETTS

Four robins, out of six, caught in one horsehair snare set by an Italian. This shows how some of the birds are taken that are killed for food. Bird-lime and nets also are used to capture birds. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers TWENTY prizes of \$10 each and FORTY prizes of \$5 each for evidence by which it may convict persons of violating the laws of Massachusetts by killing any insect-eating bird or taking eggs from its nest.



## THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIRDS

By JAKE H. HARRISON, Dallas, Texas  
Birds love the country where they live,  
And speak its language, too,  
If you will notice, you will find  
That what I say is true;  
The birds of Holland sing in Dutch,  
The Scotch birds Gaelic speak,  
And I am told the birds of Greece  
Still sing in ancient Greek.

The whippoorwill, we know so well,  
Speaks English—why, of course;  
They say all birds in Germany  
Sing German gutt'rails hoarse;  
The oriole still sings in French  
His sweet, enticing song,  
Although in North America  
He has been living long.

The mocking-bird a medley sings  
Of all the languages,  
And that is why such favorite  
In all the lands he is;  
And why the wanderer abroad  
So loves his cheerful song—  
He calls to mind the scenes of home,  
All day and night along.

The strangest thing is yet to tell;  
In Northern Texas here,  
The whippoorwill, sings "Whip-poor-will!"  
In English, sweet and clear;  
But on the Rio Grande's banks,  
He keeps his whistle wet  
With dew, to liquify his notes,  
And sings in Spanish yet.

For more than half a century  
Our efforts have been vain  
To teach this patriotic bird  
To sing in English plain;  
He loves the Spanish language best,  
And will not let it go,  
But warbles out "Guillermo mall!"  
Still true to Mexico.

## THE WISE BALTIMORE ORIOLE

By J. W. WAITE

PERHAPS long ago you learned that that beautiful and wise little worker, the Baltimore oriole, uses as its best, its chief material for weaving and hanging its home in the elm-tree. If so you will pardon our presumption in writing about it. From Canada to Florida they use the same splendid material—a vegetable silk. They use some coarser, stiffer material to hold the nest in shape in its lower part, where the miraculous eggs are laid and their tiny babies brooded. Few babies are rock-a-byed as theirs are, for their homes are hung out near the end of the slender limbs and Old Boreas swings them hard enough, it would seem, to blow the nest into pieces, but we have never known one to fall when occupied.

The nests are woven of silk and hung with it, so not only the slender limb swings far but the nest swings under the limb on its thread. To trace this silk you must follow the plant of which it is a part through winter to spring, when the stalk lies battered and bruised by its wintry experience. If you follow it diligently you will find the plant is our common milkweed. You may ask a thousand people and not discover one who can tell where this silk comes from or what it is. Underneath the thin outer skin of the stalk is a layer of silk (so it might be called a silk weed) which runs from top to bottom. It is strong, shiny, nearly white and the blessed oriole is wiser and far in advance of man, so far as we know, in making use of this splendid material.

Considering the beauty, the wisdom and the usefulness of this bird and rightly esteeming his gifts to us of all the birds, each kind filling the niche which the Good Father decreed for it, well may we exclaim: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."

## WISCONSIN'S FAMOUS WAR EAGLE



HEN "Old Abe," the Wisconsin war eagle, died at the Capitol in Madison, he was nineteen years old, the honored hero of thirty battles. The bird joined the Eighth Wisconsin Infantry in 1861. It was with the regiment four years in the army, and at the close of the war was presented to the state. In the years that followed "Old Abe" traveled all over the states of the Union. In 1865, at the great fair in Chicago, his exhibition netted \$16,000, and at a Milwaukee fair the same year, \$6000. It was four months at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. At its death all the state officials, headed by the governor, visited and viewed the remains of the historic bird. The war veterans of Wisconsin mourned for the death of "Old Abe," who, since the close of the war, had been an honored pensioner of the state.

"Old Abe" was one of the family of white-headed eagles, and was taken from his nest when only four months old and sold to a farmer for a



"OLD ABE"

bushel of corn. He was a very intelligent bird, and attracted the attention of a gentleman, who purchased and presented him to the Eighth Regiment, then preparing to go to the front. He was gladly received, and given a place next to the regimental flag. For three years he followed the "Live Eagle Regiment," being near its flag in thirty battles. In January, 1879, he was exhibited in the Old South Church, in Boston, for the benefit of the preservation fund for that Massachusetts landmark. M. S. Porter, in one of the Boston papers, at that time said: "This majestic bird is always moved and most demonstrative at the sound of martial music. He shared all the battles of the regiment, but no drop of his blood was ever sacrificed. Vainly did rebel sharpshooters aim at his dark figure, conspicuously 'painted on the crimson sky'; he seemed to bear a charmed life; and his loyal comrades almost looked up to him as their leader, and with pride believed in him as a bird of good omen. He was named 'Old Abe,' sworn into the service, and proved to be every inch a soldier, listening to and obeying orders; noting

time most accurately; always after the first year giving heed to 'attention'; insisting upon being in the thickest of the fight, and when his comrades, exposed to great danger from the terrible fire of the enemy, were ordered to lie down, he would flatten himself upon the ground with them, rising when they did, and with outspread pinions soar aloft over the carnage and smoke of the battle. When the cannon were pouring forth destruction and death, above the roar and thunder of the artillery rose his wild battle-cry of freedom. He was always restless before the march to the encounter, but after the smoke of the battlefield had cleared away he would doff his soldier-like bearing, and with wild screams of delight would manifest his joy at the victory; but if defeat was the result his discomfiture and deep sorrow were manifested by every movement of his stately figure but drooping head."

## FOR THE CAGED BIRD

By MRS. JOAN H. RONE

A canary can sleep in any kind of light. A wild bird cannot sleep except in darkness. The shadows of furniture or any object in the room fills a wild bird with terror and he will spend the whole night falling off his perches or beating about his cage; when he sleeps it is from exhaustion. The bird stores are on streets where lights from the street come into windows. They should have blinds to be drawn down closely at night, and also be shaded from strong sunlight pouring in on the birds in window cases. If dealers want to exhibit birds in windows, soft open-work green sash curtains would let the light filter through much like sun shining through leaves.

A small bird is so terrified in being placed near a large bird, which in their native forests would devour it, that it will dash about the cage, giving the appearance of animation, and screaming, which the uninitiated think is singing. Dealers place these birds in this way so as to attract would-be purchasers.

God speed the day when no wild bird—foreign or domestic—will be allowed to be caged. A canary bird sang to the last moment of its little life, and when I was asked to come and see it I found that its owner, who loved it devotedly (?), had put its seed in two days before and turned the cup so that the seed opened to the outside, so that birdie could see it but not get it to eat. It was singing from distress, but it seemed beautiful.

"And man, whose heaven erected face  
The smiles of love adorn,  
Man's inhumanity \* \* \*  
Makes countless thousands mourn."

## PROTECT THE YOUNG BIRDS

The vine on the porch, the trees in the garden, the grass in the meadow, will all soon be bird nurseries. Allow nothing to disturb the happy nests of those whose mission is to make the world brighter and better.

## SHE WOULD NOT CAGE THE BIRDS

By GEORGE BIRDSEYE

She would not cage the birds,  
Too great her love for them,—  
She loved the rose too well  
To pluck it from its stem.  
Flowers were not born to die  
Just as their joys begin;  
Nor birds to fold their wings  
By prison-bars shut in.  
She would not cage the birds—  
To her it seemed a sin.

She would not cage the birds;  
Her deeds but proved her words:  
Too tender heart for that!  
She would not cage the birds—  
She wore them on her hat.



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## TO EVERY READER

This is the first notice in *Our Dumb Animals* of what we shall call attention to from now on until the first week of October, as SELF-DENIAL WEEK. We are going to ask all our readers, and those whom they may influence, to join us that week in saving out of the things not necessary, a contribution for our Angell Memorial Animals' Hospital. If the English Salvation Army have been able to raise by their annual self-denial week, in shillings and pence, more than five million dollars, surely we can add a very generous sum to the fund to provide this memorial, and so to minister for all time to the welfare of that world of animal life whose very helplessness is its unceasing appeal. The offering from such a week would mean memorial, hospital, home of our two societies, humane education, everything for which we stand as humane organizations. Remember the week—October 1 to 7, inclusive. F.H.R.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Nature sometimes must have assistance in the case of animals as well as of men. Since the discovery by Dr. Theobald Smith of Harvard, of the part played by the cattle tick in the spread of Texas fever—a disease that was disastrously at work in the South, and the knowledge of how to treat it, more than 187,000 square miles have been released from quarantine throughout the southern states. Independently of the financial gain to the farmers this has been a tremendous relief from suffering for the poor cattle. F.H.R.

## NO CHECKREINS

It will please many of our readers to know that the executive officials of the American Express Company, according to a letter just received by us from Mr. Elisha Flagg, manager of equipment and supplies, ruled some time ago that no checkreins should be put on the company's harnesses. They have also, not merely because they believe it pays, but also in the interests of the animals themselves, to save them from many falls on the wretched city pavements, been having all their many thousands of horses in the large cities shod with rubber cushion pads. F.H.R.

## A CRY OF DISTRESS

The proposal of the First Lord of the English Admiralty that England and Germany agree to call a halt in building battleships is nothing less than a clear evidence that the time is rapidly approaching, long predicted by many, when this mad rivalry will spell only national bankruptcy. If my neighbor and I are bound to settle our disputes by powder and bullet why aren't we on the same level of preparation when each has one good gun as if each had a gun in every one of his dozen or more pockets? F.H.R.

## IS THERE ANY CONNECTION?

We are told by the census reports of Germany that 8000 dogs and 180,000 horses were killed in that country last year for human food. Presumably it is not the Emperor and his court, or any of the upper crust who eat this flesh. Is there any relation between such a condition of things and the fact that Germany keeps increasing her army and spending fresh hundreds of millions in preparation for war? Last year she raised her army from 630,000 to 725,000, and now contemplates making its number 865,000. Earl Percy is authority for the statement that Germany could put 9,800,000 men into the field in time of war, of whom 4,600,000 may be considered trained soldiers. If Europe keeps this thing up many years longer the poor will not even have dogs to eat, or the flesh of worn-out horses. "What fools these mortals be!" Many a dog and horse is wiser in his day and generation. F.H.R.

## SLAUGHTER-HOUSE REFORM

In England this subject is being vigorously agitated. A sub-committee of the Humanitarian League has been appointed to keep the matter before the public and to obtain all possible Parliamentary assistance. What we need here in the United States is a Commission, authorized by Congress, to enquire into the whole question of the methods employed in this country in killing our food animals and to recommend such needed reforms as will humanize our present inhuman practices. This was secured in England, and though the report of the Commission has not yet been embodied in the laws it is interesting to note that it loudly condemned the cruelty it discovered, and its first recommendation is that all animals should be stunned, or rendered unconscious, before the use of the knife. A national law to this effect is the crying need in our own land. For this every humane person should work. It is not enough to stun the ox, the steer and cow. Our millions of calves, sheep and swine should also be thus mercifully destroyed so long as they are slaughtered for food. F.H.R.

## THEIR REWARD

A Constantinople correspondent of the *London Mail* writes:

On the desolate open space, we know locally as the "Field of Mars," you will see any morning just now long strings of animals tied head to tail. They are, or once were, horses, pack animals of the baggage train.

Their shaggy, mud-matted hides sink into hollows among the framework of bones they cover. Every single back is raw with suppurating sores as big as your two hands. Nearly every horse is lame, and some are constantly falling and have to be flogged to their feet to hobble on to the veterinary officer, who is dividing the curables from the incurables. They have been driven in from two or three days' march without food, often without water, and the famishing animals gnaw the rope that ties them to the next horse in the string.

Here they are sold for ten to fifteen piastres each—for 1s. 8d. to half-a-crown—sold to be worked by their buyers for a few days until, in sheer weakness, they drop for the last time, till no beating can get them on their feet again, and they are left to die.

And when you ask why the poor brutes cannot be mercifully destroyed instead, you get the naive answer that the Koran forbids a Mussulman to take life.

There has probably never been more wastage of horse-flesh in any campaign. The Turk is a good enough horseman, but no horsemaster at all. F.H.R.

## STRIKINGLY PUT

Garrett P. Serviss in a recent newspaper article calls attention to certain evidences of the strange and mysterious contrasts that make up the being called man. Since the most of us are classed, biologically, with this creature of contradictions, it is worth our while to read his words: "If you would understand the dual nature of man at his present stage, look first at his churches, his cathedrals, his school-houses, his asylums, his hospitals, his laboratories of science, his observations of the heavens, and then pay a visit to the—Chicago Stock-yards!" Aspiring, climbing, dreaming of the loftiest ideals in the realm of the spirit, man feeds upon animal life with carnivora "red in tooth and claw." The altar of the most spiritual faith, and the reeking shamble vocal with the dying groans of fellow-creatures—it is the same man who has demanded the latter who worships at the former. These contradictions cannot exist forever in his life. Slowly, but surely, the "ape and tiger die." F.H.R.

## THE CONVICTING GLOVE

The *Cuba Review* gives a striking instance of Mrs. Jeannette Ryder's success in prosecuting for cruelty in the Havana courts. She had brought a mule driver before the judge for working his mule with badly galled shoulders. The driver brought a veterinarian's certificate stating the animal was sound. It was claimed no blood showed on the shoulder.

"Bring out the evidence," exclaimed Mrs. Ryder to the policeman who made the arrest, and from his pocket he produced a little paper-wrapped package, which he laid before the judge. His honor opened it and shook out a long white lisle glove, red stained. The policeman testified that it was Mrs. Ryder's, that he saw her mop the mule's shoulder with it and that immediately after she consigned it to his keeping; he had had it ever since. What the judge said to the driver did not go verbatim on the court records. F.H.R.

## THE EQUINE DEFENCE LEAGUE

We have just received the third annual report of the National Equine Defence League with headquarters in London. This excellent organization has been vigorously championing the cause of the poor pit ponies whose lives in the mines have been, in so many cases, a sad story of abuse and suffering. The matter of "Animal vs. Mechanical Haulage in Mines," and the question of "Docking Horses" have also received painstaking attention. A fine feature of the work accomplished has been the erection through many counties of large signs bearing the words, "Please slacken Bearing-rein going up Hill." Mr. Francis A. Cox is the Honorable Secretary. F.H.R.

## THE SONGS OF THE EXILES

Five hundred English song-birds, caught last October and carefully fed and tended, are on their way from Bermondsey to Victoria, British Columbia. There they will be set free to build their nests and reproduce their kind. A specially constructed aviary was built in the ship on which they sailed. Whose heart does not go out toward the little exiles? May their songs be no less joyous than in their native land! F.H.R.

## USEFUL INSECTS

The Sacramento *Bee* states that recently a hundred pounds of ladybugs were gathered in the Coast Range mountains and shipped to Imperial Valley to save the cantaloupe crop. These useful little workers devour the aphids which so often ruin the melon vines. There are 30,000 ladybugs to the pound. F.H.R.





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## OUR NEW LAW

In helping us control the traffic in old and worn-out horses no law of recent years has been enacted by the Massachusetts legislature for which we have been so profoundly grateful. Heretofore the law has made possible the stopping at public sale of these unfortunate victims of man's cruelty and greed. We could not touch the private sale. Boston and innumerable other places are infested with scores of swindlers who deal in lame, wind-broken, practically valueless, horses, doctoring them up for the occasion and selling them to the ignorant and unsuspecting. These sharpers we have found it very difficult to reach, though we have made them pay back hundreds of dollars to those they have victimized, through fear of prosecution for fraud. It will be seen from the new law which follows that we can deal with the situation now much more satisfactorily. This law has been in operation in Pennsylvania for a number of years and has proved most effective. The statute governing the public sale at auction has been so amended as to read:

Section 1. Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1906:

It shall be unlawful for any person holding an auctioneer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at public auction, or for any person to sell at private sale any horse which by reason of debility, disease or lameness, or for other cause, could not be worked in this commonwealth without violating the laws against cruelty to animals. But this section shall not be construed to prohibit the purchase of animals by humane societies incorporated under the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely killing the same. F.H.R.

## THE AIGRETTE VOW

Never to wear aigrettes is the vow recently taken by several thousand girls in the Girls' High School of Philadelphia. The movement started in the Nature Club of the school and seems to have been the result of a paper prepared by a member of the faculty which described the suffering of the herons from which the aigrette is taken. Over the platform, when the essay was read, hung the words, "Remember that every aigrette means a dying heron and the death of her little birds." F.H.R.

## QUEER ADDRESSES

Letters come to our Societies directed in all sorts of ways. Sometimes it's the "Cruelty Society." Then it's the "Animal Society." These two are only specimens. The worst of all, however, was one that arrived last month bearing this inscription—"The Society for the Promotion of Cruelty to Animals." There was no joke about it either on the part of the writer. It was a notification from the State House of a matter that concerned the Society and was written in all seriousness. F.H.R.

## ONE MONTH'S RECORD

Animals examined	4906
Number of prosecutions	17
Number of convictions	17
Horses taken from work	174
Horses painlessly destroyed	104

## Stock-yards and Abattoirs

Animals examined	22,108
Cattle and swine painlessly destroyed	76

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has received bequests of \$8127.25 from the estate of Miss A. Bertha Caton of Watertown, \$4985.34 from Miss Sarah E. Ward of Boston, \$3000 (additional) from Miss Alice M. Curtis of Wellesley, \$2591.67 from Miss Harriet E. Goodnow of Sterling, \$1000 from Joseph L. Keith of Grafton, \$152.16 (additional) from Miss Carrie F. Abbott of Cambridge, and \$50 (additional) from Mrs. Sarah E. Skinner of Brookline; and gifts of \$5000 from Mrs. Catherine McCully of Boston, \$500 for the Angell Memorial Hospital from Mrs. C. C. Converse, \$100 from Mrs. Caroline N. Russell, and \$25 each from Miss Nellie P. Carter, Miss Clara C. Pierce, Mrs. David P. Kimball and Mrs. Herbert Beech. The Kent County (Michigan) Humane Society sends \$40 for *Our Dumb Animals* for a year for the school-teachers in the county. The Society has been remembered in the wills of Franklin P. Hyde of Boston and Granville I. Thayer of Middleboro.

The American Humane Education Society has received a bequest of \$4985.33 from the estate of Miss Sarah E. Ward of Boston, \$352.50 from the estate of Elizabeth F. Noble, \$107.59 interest, \$100 for the Angell Memorial Hospital from the Humane Society of Kansas City, Missouri, and \$70.87 from "a co-worker" for the distribution of humane literature. Boston, April 16, 1913.

## MADDENED WITH PAIN

A report comes to us from Williamstown, Massachusetts, of a lad who went out to visit some traps he had set and found a hound caught in the remorseless grip of the unyielding steel. The wretched dog was so frenzied with pain and so savage that the boy did not dare go near him. The father of the boy was summoned. Ere he could pry open the trap, though he had bound the dog with a rope, he was severely bitten. The dog had to be shot. This cruel death by the trap set for wild animals is the fate of scores of dogs wherever these instruments of torture are used. Does the fox, the rabbit, the wolf suffer less when he is the victim? If this "price of a skin" could be held before the eyes of many a man and woman there would be something worse than an open winter that the fur trade would have to face. We hope some law lessening this evil will come out of our present Massachusetts legislature as a result of the several bills presented in January, and in behalf of the best of which our Society made its plea. Even to compel the trapper to visit his traps once in twenty-four hours would be a long step forward. F.H.R.

## FOR THE HOSPITAL

One of our honored directors, Mrs. John H. Storer, invited to her Beacon street home one afternoon last month a company of prominent Boston ladies in the interests of our Angell Memorial Animals' Hospital and of the general work of our two Societies. President Rowley spoke at some length, and President Lowell of Harvard also made a brief address setting forth the great value of the hospital in reducing the sufferings of animals. "More," he said, quoting a distinguished authority, "could be learned by studying the natural diseases of animals than human diseases artificially induced in them."

## STATE LEGISLATION

TEXAS.—Our latest information from Texas is that the Senate has passed the Willacy bill which prohibits cruelty to animals and gives the enforcement of law largely into the hands of the Humane Society. Since the vote was 25 to 3 it would seem as if the future of the bill was assured.

WASHINGTON.—The House of the state legislature has passed the Newman bill creating a state bureau for the protection of animals and children. Under the provisions of the bill an appropriation of \$5000 would be available for humane work.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The bill which provided that unclaimed animals in public pounds should be sold to those engaged in medical and biological research for the purposes of experimentation has been defeated. The possibilities for cruelty and needless suffering this bill would have provided, had it become law, are beyond measure. One of the most loyal of the friends of all animals writes on their behalf a song of thanksgiving of which we quote a single sentence:

"Good people of the City of Brotherly Love, we, the lost and often suffering animals gathered from your streets, offer to you our heartfelt gratitude, that of your clemency you have granted us a merciful death."

A bill is before the Pennsylvania legislature prohibiting any person to allow the working of a horse or mule more than twelve hours a day in cities of the first and second classes.

F.H.R.

## MR. MELZER'S GIFTS FOR ANIMALS

Considerable attention has been given in the press to the offers of Mr. A. Melzer, of Evansville, Indiana, of gifts of \$1000 each, to be held in trust for 250 years for the benefit of animals. Several states, besides his home city of Evansville, have accepted these generous gifts, and other states have the offer under consideration. Each gift of \$1000 will amount to \$20,000,000 in the year 2163. Mr. Melzer's reply to his critics is that the funds will benefit animals more now than then, as the conditions under which they are given are that the Governor of the state shall use his influence and good offices to create and promote kindness and more humane sentiments. Semi-annual reports of the accumulation of each fund are also stipulated, so that Mr. Melzer comments: "Some will praise it, others will denounce it, ridicule it, extol it or laugh about it, and the net result to the animals will be a profit far greater than could have been realized on an investment of \$1000 for their benefit in any other form." No one who knows Mr. Melzer doubts the sincerity of his devotion to the cause of animal protection.

## CURED BY KINDNESS

A letter from a great friend of animals tells this personal experience: "Her name is Bess. She is coal-black in winter, but her summer coat is brown. When we bought her she was known as one of the worst outlaws in the country. She was a terrible kicker. She broke everything she was hitched to. Now she is one of the most gentle of horses. All it took to break her in was a pat on the neck and a little kindness." It takes courage to do this sort of thing when the horse has been once nearly ruined by brutal treatment, but generally the reward is certain. F.H.R.

If any creatures have a claim upon us for gentle and humane treatment while they live, and for a death inflicted with the least possible pain, when necessity demands the sacrifice, they are surely those that minister to our sustenance.





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For rates of membership in both our Societies and for prices of literature, see back pages. Checks should be made payable to Henry B. Hill, Treasurer.

### HELP FROM THE HILLS

There is a "Society for United Prayer for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." Special petitions are suggested by this organization for its members to make use of in their prayers. We fear that many may imagine the welfare of horses, dogs, cattle, quite an unworthy thing to present to Heaven, soliciting its interest and help. Of the interest of the Eternal Compassion in the wretchedness of the least of life's children we have not the slightest doubt. The God whose image we bear is not less, rather infinitely more, tender-hearted than we toward all that suffers. To lay at his feet the burden that oppresses us who face the suffering endured by the animal world is not to seek an aid he might withhold, but is to make possible a larger inflow into our own lives of his illimitable spirit. Our humanness has but one source—the humanness of God. Why, in a universe ordered by Him without whom not a sparrow falls to the ground, there should be among the lower forms of life such experiences of fear, pain, torment, as myriads of them have always known, we cannot say, but that the burden of it rests upon His great heart far more heavily than it can upon ours, is as much a part of our creed as that He is over all and above all. If all who claim to pray would daily lift one prayer that told of compassion for the suffering but defenseless creatures below them, with what an onward sweep would the Kingdom of Heaven come among men! F.H.R.

### HUMANE EDUCATION IN KANSAS

A correspondent in Kansas City writes that the Kansas Humane Educational Bill "having passed the House with the Governor's signature pledged and a very favorable sentiment toward it throughout the state, was killed in the Senate. There was a certain opposition to it and those representing this opposition managed cleverly to hold the bill back until the closing hours when it went through too quickly for discussion and was lost. The vote stood 16 for and 19 against. We appealed to the Governor, but the closing time having legally passed, we could not gain anything. It seems that we will have no trouble with the bill next session and have two years to prepare for it."

### UNIQUE LONDON EXHIBITION

The American Humane Education Society has sent copies of all its books and pamphlets, as well as of *Our Dumb Animals*, to the Animals' Healtheries and Utilities Exhibition and Conference, to be held in London, April 21 to 26, under the auspices of the *Animals' Guardian*, of which Mr. Sidney Trist is the able editor. It is expected that this enterprise will greatly stimulate the cause of animal protection.

### ROCK ISLAND ORGANIZED

Illinois City's Public Schools Welcome the Band of Mercy

We are pleased to learn from Mrs. Fred W. Rinck of Rock Island, Illinois, that seventy-seven Bands of Mercy, with 2890 members, have been organized in the public schools of that city through a committee appointed by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rock Island County Humane Society, with the cooperation of Superintendent H. B. Hayden, the teachers and the press.

The committee has been given power to continue the work in the private schools in the city. Requests have been made from Davenport, Moline and Milan to assist them in forming Bands of Mercy in their schools.

It is the purpose of the Society soon to celebrate the organization of the schools by a mass meeting, all the Bands of Mercy participating, to which the public will be invited.

### WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETIES

In the annual report of the Humane Society of Missouri, President Henry Wood favors a committee looking into slaughtering conditions in St. Louis, not only for the alleviation of animal suffering and abuse, but for the betterment of the food supply; and also calls upon the clergy and all others who have charge of children to educate them to treat animals with kindness.

The thirty-second annual report of the Connecticut Humane Society, of which William DeLoss Love is president, contains many interesting illustrations, including reproductions of attractive paintings, and of the children and horses rescued by the Society. Bands of Mercy were formed in public and parochial schools of Hartford and adjoining places, with a total membership of 9603. Each child received the Society's Band of Mercy button. Humane laws have been published in the Polish language, and a quantity of other literature distributed.

The 1913 Year Book of the Humane Society of Rochester, New York, reports that eighty-one lectures, illustrated by stereopticon views, were delivered by the superintendent of humane education, and one hundred and twenty-five children became junior members of the Society. Two hundred and thirty-seven essays were received from pupils of the public schools, and thirty-three prizes were awarded.

President J. B. Y. Warner earnestly urges the passage of a federal law opposing the shipment of live calves under two years of age; also a practical compulsory humane education law for the state. Chairman Frederick L. Dutcher of the executive committee reports a very large increase in the number of arrests for cruelty. The Society rejoices in a new shelter and city pound, also a new ambulance for small animals.

President Walter Stilson Hutchins, in his report to the Washington (D. C.) Humane Society, says that "What is needed in every police court in this country is a judge, learned in the law, deeply experienced in human ways, and well paid."

Several new fountains for horses were given to the Society during the year, with the result that Washington now has 140 animal fountains, although the Society feels that with its asphalt pavements and long torrid summers the city is not yet sufficiently supplied. During 1912 the Society prosecuted 1824 cases of cruelty, securing 1718 convictions.

In its Band of Mercy work for the year, the Society's representative visited 55 schools and organized 323 Bands, with 6261 members, making the total number of schools visited during the last three years, 218, with 1470 Bands organized, and an enrolment of 42,996 members.

### Angell Memorial Hospital

"The Society has a great work before it; and it earnestly asks the aid and prayers of every man and woman who believes in God, and has sympathy for His suffering creatures."

GEORGE T. ANGELL'S

Appeal in the Boston papers, April, 1868.

We have secured at the present writing the consent of seventy-five prominent citizens to form our "Committee of One Hundred." Since our last publication the names of the following have been added: Samuel Carr of Boston, Charles P. Chase, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Springfield, William W. Crapo of New Bedford, His Excellency Eugene N. Foss, Henry M. Lovering of Taunton, the Hon. Samuel W. McCall, Horace A. Moses of Springfield, Thos. Nelson Perkins of Boston, Frank W. Padelford of Newton, general secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society, Ralph W. Wight of Indian Orchard, ex-Gov. J. Q. A. Brackett of Boston, William H. Bullard and Nathan P. Avery of Holyoke.

We hope to obtain the support of other leading men throughout the state whom we have asked, for the purpose of giving state-wide representation to the Committee which we expect to complete by the middle of April.

The endorsement of such a large number of men prominent in education, science, letters, public affairs, and business, is the greatest testimonial to the efficiency of our work and the strongest assurance that the people of Massachusetts will consider our appeal and contribute the means to build and endow the Angell Memorial Animals' Hospital which is to become also the permanent headquarters of our two Societies.

Our representative in Springfield, Mr. W. A. Fairbanks, reports several appointments of local agents in Hampden county. He says he is meeting with very kind receptions from persons interviewed about taking up the work.

Progress is being made in Suffolk county. The continuous and effective advertising of the movement by leading moving picture theatres in Boston is expected to bring good results.

We ask all friends in the different towns of the state to help our local representatives and if they know others who are willing to assist our work, to forward their names that we may try to enlist them among our active agents.

We have secured the cooperation of one hundred and one banks and trust companies which have agreed to act as depositories of contributions to the Animals' Hospital Fund throughout the state. Each of these banks displays a card in its banking rooms announcing this fact, and we hope that our friends will take advantage of such convenient means and drop in and make a contribution to the fund.

We earnestly reiterate our appeal to all persons who have at heart the progress of the humane idea. No institutions are distributing so much literature free to assist the spreading of this idea as are our two Societies.

We need the good will and material assistance of all our friends and earnestly urge them to help by contributing to the fund and by telling others who do not know of our work, how much we need the cooperation of every person charitably inclined to further the plans we have given years of study to perfect.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER	Executive Committee \$1,000,000 Building & Endowment Fund Angell Memorial
FRANCIS H. ROWLEY	
MRS. GEORGE T. ANGELL	





## PLEDGE

"I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage."

We send without cost to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members, and sends us the name chosen for the Band and the name and post-office address of the president who has been duly elected:

1. Our Dumb Animals for one year.
  2. Twenty leaflets, addresses, reports, etc.
  3. Copy of "Band of Mercy Melodies."
  4. An imitation gold badge for the president.
- See last page for prices of Band of Mercy supplies.

## NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Four hundred and ninety-four new Bands were organized in March, of which 130 were in Massachusetts; eighty-six in schools of Rhode Island; sixty-five in schools of Connecticut; sixty-three in schools of Rock Island, Illinois; fifty-four in Maine; and thirty-eight in schools of Washington, D. C. The numerals show the number of Bands in each school or town:

### Schools in Massachusetts

**Chelsea:** Carter, 17; Williams, 35; Shurtleff, 34; Cary, 6; Spencer Ave., 9; Prattville, 11.  
**Hamilton:** South, 7; Center; West; East.  
**Wellesley:** Hunnewell, 6.  
**Boston, Massachusetts:** Animal Protection Club.  
**Clinton, Massachusetts:** Burditt Hill.

### Schools in Maine

**Bath:** North Primary, 4; South St. Grammar, 4; South St. Primary, 4; Weeks St. Grammar, 3; Weeks St. Primary, 3; Erudition; Winnegance; North Bath; Washington St. Grammar, 3; Dummer St. Primary, 2; Washington St. Primary, 2; North Grammar, 4; Center St., 3; Center St. Primary, 4; Second Advent S. S.  
**Brunswick:** Harding; Congregational S. S., 5.  
**Topsham:** Baptist S. S., 8.

### Schools in Connecticut

**Hartford:** Henry Barnard, 33; Southwest, 6; Washington St., 15.  
**New Britain:** Camp, 11.

### Schools in Rhode Island

**Cranston:** Shaw Ave., 3.  
**East Providence:** Grove Ave., 8; James St., 2; Potter St., 4; Maura Ave., 5; A. P. Hoyt Grammar, 9.  
**Providence:** Veazie St. Primary, 6; Berkshire St., 8; Admiral St., 4; Thurber Ave., 10; Temple St., 12; Rochambeau Ave., 7; Carpenter St., 4; Somerset St., 4.  
**Wellsburg, New York:** Centerville.  
**Darby, Pennsylvania:** Darby No. 1.  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** Prince of Peace; Claghorn School, 13.

### Schools in Washington, D. C.

**Twining, 2; Morse, 3; Chevy Chase, 2; Seaton, 2; Brightwood, 2; Emery, 2; Woodburn, 2; Gage, 2; Langdon, 3; Edmonds, 2; Mawry, 4; Bowen, 2; Greenleaf, 2; Bryan, 3; Buchanan, 2; Gales, 2; Abbott, 2; Webster.**  
**Greenwood, South Carolina:** Brewer Normal School, 9.  
**New Orleans, Louisiana:** E. T. Merick School, 8; Parker.

**Zanesfield, Ohio:** Zanesfield.  
**Huntington, Indiana:** William St. School, 2.  
**Lowell, Indiana:** Lowell.

### Schools in Illinois

**Rock Island:** Hawthorne, 13; Irving, 9; Longfellow, 12; Horace Mann, 9; Lincoln, 20.

### Schools in Minnesota

**Duluth:** Washington; Jefferson, 2; Irving, 3; Madison.  
**West Duluth:** Irving, 3.  
**Aurora, Missouri:** Lowell.  
**Eureka, Missouri:** Eureka No. 2.  
**Gideon, Missouri:** Gideon.  
**Mexico, Missouri:** Central School.  
**Antlers, Oklahoma:** Pushmataha.  
**Blackwell, Oklahoma:** Blackwell.  
**King City, California:** King City.  
**San Ardo, California:** San Ardo.  
**Montreal, Quebec:** Sunshine.  
**Constantinople, Turkey:** American Mission.

**Total number Bands of Mercy, 87,310.**



## A FAST FRIENDSHIP

This noble dog was owned by Mr. Francis Blake, the inventor of the telephone transmitter. The little girl was a daughter of one of our much-esteemed vice-presidents, Mr. Francis H. Manning.

## FRENCH PRESIDENT AND HIS CAT

### Animal with a Perfect Sense of Humor

M. Poincaré, the new President of the French Republic, is a thorough humanitarian, and has always absented himself from the "shoots" and the "chase," inseparable from the official festivities at the receptions of distinguished foreign visitors, according to the *Animals' Guardian* of London. He has a cat to which he is greatly attached, and of whose virtues he has just given to the world an appreciation.

"This cat," he says, "is gifted with a strange and complex personality. Voluptuous and epicurean, treacherous and cunning, wayward and ferocious, authoritative to the point of tyranny, he has, you observe, nothing but faults, but these faults, which in any other cat would be absolutely insupportable become in the case of this cat, by the manner in which he uses them, qualities of the highest value.

"He has a perfect sense of humor, and knows exactly the value of a well-timed joke. His tact is wonderful; he can end a difficult situation in the most graceful and natural manner. I have never seen this cat embarrassed, nor guilty of a 'faux pas.'

"Flattery is another thing this cat excels in. He never disobeys his master unless the latter is not present, or unless he is engaged in some absorbing task. Then he will go and sit where he has been told not to, near the radiator. Discovered, he smiles gently and runs over to me, looking at me as though to say, 'Oh, yes; I was there right enough, but merely for the instant. I wished only to warm my feet, you understand, because it is a little cold this evening. But I didn't stay there—the best proof of which is that I am here now. But why do you look at me like that? Anger, you know, is a capital fault. Let us be friends and enjoy ourselves!'

"Then he always starts off to amuse me. He jumps all over me and all over the room, with every comic antic it is possible to think of."

## IN MEMORIAM

### Leo: A Yellow Cat

MARGARET SHERWOOD in *The Atlantic Monthly*  
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If to your twilight land of dream,—  
 Persephone, Persephone,  
 Drifting with all your shadow host,—  
 Dim sunlight comes with sudden gleam,  
 And you lift veiled eyes to see  
 Slip past a little golden ghost,  
 That wakes a sense of springing flowers,  
 Of nesting birds, and lambs new-born,  
 Of spring astir in quickening hours,  
 And young blades of Demeter's corn;  
 For joy of that sweet glimpse of sun  
 O Goddess of unnumbered dead,  
 Give one soft touch—if only one—  
 To that uplifted pleading head!  
 Whisper some kindly word to bless  
 A wistful soul who understands  
 That life is but one long caress  
 Of gentle words and gentle hands.







# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## A CAT'S LONG JOURNEY



A FINE black cat of superior breed was received not long ago by express in the town of Thorold, Ontario. It had come from Trail, British Columbia, 2500 miles away. When its owner, a young lady, was about to travel and could no longer take care of her pet, she did not abandon it as so many have been known to do, but provided for its safe passage to friends at another home.

It was comfortably housed in a roomy box, on which was a placard with this inscription: "My name is Rastus. Please feed me good milk once a day, and beyond that I can nibble the crusts provided until I reach home." The way-bill accompanying it bore records of the feedings along the route, and showed that puss had not wanted for friends or food on his long journey.

The strange shipment created a great deal of interest along the way. Children by the score expressed their sympathy with the traveler, realizing that he had journeyed more miles than most of them had. Rastus arrived in the best of health, and climbed out of his box home as fresh as when he entered it.

## THE RIGHT KIND OF BOY



A KITTEN afraid of a dog and just as much afraid to come down from the tree, to the top of which she had climbed in her terror, was piteously meowing in the branches. The kitten's owner was coaxing her to come down, but the little thing tried again and again and then clung more closely to the bough where she had taken refuge. Eugene, on his way to school, saw the difficulty and was ready for the emergency. "I'll climb right up and get her," he said.

"She is so frightened that she will scratch you and perhaps you will fall. I don't know whether you ought to try it," said the kitten's mistress, but while she spoke Eugene was half-way up among the branches, and a few moments later he was down again with the struggling, furry bundle safe in his arms. "Don't mention it," he cried, as he hurried on to school. "I can't see a poor little cat in distress and not do my best to rescue her."

He has the making of a hero. The boy who will climb a tree to rescue a kitten will not hesitate to do some bigger thing by and by.—*The Comrade.*



A PLAY-DAY DANCE IN SUNNYLAND

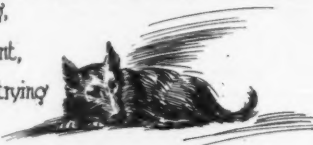
## HOW DOES HE KNOW?

By MINNIE LEONA UPTON

Little black Don, beside me lying,

With nose on paws, but ears attent,  
And great brown eyes with true love trying

To see on what I'm bent



Dear little Don, how do you know it

When troubled thoughts steal o'er my mind?

Long o'er my face, I'm sure, can show it,

Your nose, so wee, so kind,

Beneath my hand, with dear persistence, // And is it foolish, too, I wonder,

Is poked, and, oh, those shining eyes! // Feeling this love so deep, though dumb,

Ah, who could keep you at a distance? // To pray that naught may ever sunder

Well, one than I more wise!

Me from so true a clum?



## WONDERFUL BEAVERS

WHEN the Grand Trunk railway ran a line across a swamp in a game preserve in the Alberta Rockies there was a fine beaver dam holding the water back to flood the swamp.

The game warden ordered the engineers to disturb the beavers as little as possible. They could have blown out the dam with dynamite and killed most of the little animals, but that would have been cruel.

So they cut an opening in the dam. The mud of the dam was almost as hard as concrete and it took the men three days to get the water to running out properly. Then they started work on the railroad through the swamp.

Soon the water began to rise and the work was stopped by water in a few hours. The engineers went down to the beaver dam and found the animals had repaired the cut and made it tight.

A new cut was made, but when the men were gone the beavers were busy and the damage repaired. Work on the railroad was stopped in a few hours.

Then a hole was made in the earth deep under the dam. That puzzled the beavers. They had never before seen water go down into the ground and come up far away. But they studied the problem and the work on the railroad was soon stopped by water and half the tools were covered.

Then followed a contest of cunning between the men and the beavers. But every time the men opened a way for water to run the beavers found out how to stop it.

The road was finally built by working a few hours at a time, and the loss to the contractors was about \$5000. The beavers lost their time.



## FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

For the Year Ending March 1, 1913

## I.

## The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**S**HOULD we spend the money for an elaborate and detailed annual report? To this question we should answer, yes, were it not that every month in the year we tell, through *Our Dumb Animals*, so far as possible, the story of the work we are doing. The names of all contributing and the amounts contributed appear in the columns of our magazine. Also through the public press monthly reports are made. No pamphlet, no printed statistics, however, whether issued once a month or once a year, could contain the account of all the various activities of two such societies as ours. Days, and often nights of patient work are spent in the interests of those we are organized to care for, which defy the skill of the statistician to tabulate. Many imagine that the most of our time is occupied in prosecuting offenders. This is but a small part of our work. For one prosecution, there are hundreds of admonitions and kindly suggestions given, and services rendered animals and their owners, and the public at large.

## "Our Dumb Animals"

Among the notable things of the year has been the change made in our magazine to add to its attractiveness and value. Though this change was effected before the last annual meeting, experience at that time justified no expression of opinion as to whether we had done wisely or not. Now that a year has passed we do not hesitate to say that no mistake was made by the addition of the illuminated cover, giving some space for advertising, and using a better quality of stock. In spite of the fact that the regular subscription price was advanced from fifty cents to a dollar, there has been scarcely an instance of a subscriber lost because of this. On the other hand, during this period, our list of subscribers has increased by more than 2300 names. In the matter of advertising we are steadily approximating our original estimate of returns from this source. The magazine is still given away with the same liberality as formerly where it can serve its purpose, and goes widely over the world preaching its gospel of humanity. It is necessarily one of our large items of expense, but we doubt if any money brings a larger return in the great field of humane education. To the lawyers, ministers and doctors of the state it is sent without charge.

## The Angell Animal Hospital

With this great undertaking we are steadily making progress. We have the land on which the hospital is to be built, and it is paid for. In addition we have close to \$30,000 in cash, and know of at least \$50,000 more that will some day come to us for this purpose, as the terms of the bequest by which it was left us specify that it is to be used for a home for our Societies. This latter fund is carefully invested and will ultimately be available for our building. The committee from the Board of Directors having the matter in charge are contemplating the wisdom of proceeding at once with the construction of the hospital wings, leaving, if it shall prove necessary, the completion of the rest of the building until our receipts shall make that possible. The demand for the hospital is imperative. The animals of hundreds of poor people suffer because their owners cannot afford to pay a veterinarian

for his services. In New York the out-patient department of the Hospital of the American S. P. C. A. is daily thronged by such. Our need is for large and generous gifts. No money contributed for humane work can more permanently and effectively fulfil its purpose than through such a channel as this. By this memorial building our two Societies are assured of an enduring home, a thoroughly equipped hospital is given us, and the memory of one of the noblest humanitarians America has known will be fittingly commemorated. We are not only working daily for this end, but fervently praying Heaven to incline the hearts of our friends to respond to our appeals.

## Increase in Force of Agents

Nothing in the experience of the present administration has been so difficult as to leave uncovered wide sections of the state where cruelty abounds. To say, no, to the repeated calls for the appointment of a paid agent, and to say this because we did not dare increase our expenditures beyond a certain limit has been one of our hardest tasks. If we had twenty-five agents where we now have one there would still be large areas that could be visited only occasionally by a representative of the Society. We have, however, added to our force in Boston and vicinity two thoroughly competent men. One of these is a first-class veterinarian. The necessities of our work have long demanded such a man. An agent has been appointed for New Bedford and its neighborhood, and one for Barnstable county where the need could no longer be denied. Many new local agents, serving without pay, have been given commissions. In a number of instances men have been employed at small salaries who, in connection with their other work, act for us. We have three such in the western part of the state and two in Middlesex county. These cooperate with the district agents of their respective localities.

To the fidelity and ability of the members of our force we bear the most positive testimony. We also express our warm appreciation of the great assistance rendered by many of our local representatives who receive no compensation. We can never be sufficiently grateful to Mr. Walter B. Pope, a gentleman of large experience and excellent judgment, retired from business, who has given us gratuitously now for three years his valuable services, doing most effective work as an agent. Mr. Thomas Langlan, who has been with us forty years, retired February first on a moderate pension. He continues, however, to give us such time as his health and strength permit.

This winter, as last, we have maintained an agent in uniform on Beacon Hill, patrolling its steep grades and helping horses and their drivers in every possible way. Our agents, too, have kept many localities supplied with chain and carpet shoes for the free use of teams in

difficulty on icy pavements. A careful inspection was given the horses used by the state military forces when they went to Connecticut last summer. The work of inspection at the stockyards is never remitted and all animals arriving and leaving there are systematically watched over, protected from cruelty, and destroyed when seriously injured. This service rendered in connection with the transportation and slaughter of our food animals requires the almost constant activities of two men and sometimes of three.

The traffic in immature calves has been greatly reduced, and the manner of shipment has been materially improved. A car-load came recently by express and as they could not be slaughtered at once the owners were compelled to purchase a large quantity of milk for them. It was all hand work, as they were individually fed from bottles. It is much to be regretted that the federal bill that would have controlled this



UNIFORMED AGENT ADJUSTING CHAIN SHOE

transportation of calves was held up in Congress by representatives from dairy sections of New York and Pennsylvania.

One or more agents are present at all auction stables on sale days to prevent the traffic in old and worn-out horses. Nearly a thousand dollars has been recovered within the year for poor men from disreputable dealers who impose upon the ignorant by selling them worthless horses drugged or "doctored" so as to seem of some value. Our new law, secured this month, forbidding the private sale of horses which it would be illegal to use, will materially help us to control this situation. Free advice and veterinary services have been given to men about to purchase horses or too poor to pay for a veterinarian. Our regular and local agents have also put up throughout the Commonwealth many thousands of cards warning against the destruction of our song and insectivorous birds, and the abandonment of cats at places of summer resort.

The Worcester Branch of the M. S. P. C. A. is





HOHORST BOLT PISTOL USED BY AGENTS AT STOCK-YARDS

making real progress in arousing new interest in that city and has effected numerous changes, particularly for the benefit of horses. The same may be said of Greenfield where a branch has been organized.

#### The Angell Memorial Fountain

December 20th we opened to the public, and turned over to the city of Boston, this splendid fountain with its sixteen constantly overflowing individual buckets. Each horse drinks out of an absolutely clean receptacle from which all danger from infection is eliminated by the way the water pours over the edges of the bowls. We think it is not too much to say that no such sanitary and imposing horse-fountain exists anywhere in the world outside of Boston. Five thousand horses a day, by actual count, pass through the square where the fountain is located. It would surely gladden the heart of him in whose name it has been built could he see the thousands of thirsty horses drinking day by day beneath the bronze letters that speak his name.

#### A State-Wide Campaign

Never before in the history of our Society has so much been done in Massachusetts in the disseminating of humane ideas as during the past year. One man has spent his entire time traveling through the several counties, addressing

granges, speaking even from street corners to thousands of people, securing in scores of newspapers illustrated articles in behalf of the right treatment of animals, furnishing stereopticon slides for many moving picture houses where they have been glad to teach humanity by this means, and in various ways calling the attention literally of hundreds of thousands to the claims of the animal world upon man for justice and kindness.

#### The Moving Picture

A carefully prepared moving picture film has finally been completed which shows our electric ambulance in actual operation, the care given our food animals at the stock-yards, the proper style of teaming harness, bridle, and feed bag to use; also other illustrations of the Society's daily work. This constitutes a series of most valuable object lessons. Nearly every moving picture house in the state is more than willing to use it. It is only a beginning, but this method of teaching is expensive and we have to move slowly with it.

#### A New Law

One of the most important measures we have ever secured from our legislature was that of last year giving our accredited agents, by the appoint-

ment of the Governor, police power throughout the Commonwealth. They are now members of the state police and can, when necessary, arrest on sight for the violation of any anti-cruelty law. This authority they seldom are obliged to use, indeed never use it where they can avoid it, but it has added greatly to their influence and in many instances has resulted in much saving of time and expense.

#### Watering-Stations, Blinders, and Feed Bags

At our watering-stations we watered during the summer months 280,865 horses. These stations were kept open from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. If it were possible we should keep, during the hot weather, an electric watering wagon traveling through the city to reach sections where there are no stations. This has proved very useful in Philadelphia.

More than five hundred horses have been furnished with open cheek pieces for their bridles, so as to do away with blinders, and the result of this "anti-blinder" campaign has been that the blinders have been taken from the bridles of hundreds more. One harness manufacturer says he made 200 open bridles for his customers while we were engaged in this special work. This spread to other cities in the state and it is safe to say that thousands of horses have benefited by the agitation. The proper kind of feed bag has been called to the attention of hundreds of teamsters, and many have been compelled to discard such as were wholly unfit.

#### Slaughter-House Reform

During the year the President has published a very carefully prepared pamphlet as the result of two years of investigation and correspondence, upon this subject. This has been sent to all the humane societies of the country, to many newspapers and individuals, and to those interested in this work in foreign lands. In our methods of slaughter we are still belying all our claims to be a civilized and humane people. Were the whole situation familiar to the public our present methods would not be permitted another day. Our hope is that out of this agitation may come the appointment by Congress of a Commission to investigate the whole question of the methods used in the slaughter of our food animals.

#### Addresses

The President has made numerous addresses during the year, speaking in Indiana, Ohio, and South Carolina, as well as before several clubs and schools of Massachusetts. He also was in Washington in April in behalf of the important Bill relative to the transportation of immature calves, appearing twice before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The Secretary as well has answered repeated calls to give lectures, illustrated by the stereopticon, a fine collection of slides having been gathered, or made for this purpose.

## II.

# The American Humane Education Society

A vast amount of work is constantly being done in our offices that the public in Massachusetts, who think of us almost entirely as a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and who know little of us as also the American Humane Education Society, can scarcely appreciate. It is this educational work, wide as the world, which demands more service and attention than the enforcement of law in our own Commonwealth. Each Society is exacting enough in its requirements to occupy all our time. Letters come to the desks of our officers from every state and nearly every civilized country,

asking all manner of questions, the mere answering of which involves much careful thought, patient investigation, and many thousands of replies. *Our Dumb Animals* is circulated in innumerable places where there are either no anti-cruelty societies at all or those only more or less active, and the people are at a loss to know how to interfere with abuses or to perfect organizations to stop them. Many such are glad to avail themselves of the services of our American Humane Education Society, which, in addition to its many other activities, offers a veritable "free correspondence course" in the work of

organizing either juveniles or adults for the better protection of animals.

A dozen representatives have been commissioned to carry the humane gospel throughout not only the South and West of our own land, but also to Cuba, Chile, and several countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

#### Work throughout the Country

We have two women at work in California. A very successful humane press bureau is being conducted by Mrs. Alice L. Park, who constantly supplies material for newspapers in California,



Arizona, and other western states. She also delivers addresses in schools, before teachers' institutes and at various public gatherings. In San Diego, Mrs. Rachel C. Hogue is organizing Bands of Mercy, called Junior Humane Leagues, of which 151, with 6595 members, were reported during the last school year.

In the South the Rev. Richard Carroll of Columbia, South Carolina, is doing splendid work. Among its results is the organization of a colored humane society at Columbia. A gifted colored woman, Mrs. E. L. Dixon, is employed in South Carolina organizing Bands of Mercy. In Kentucky the president of the State University (colored) is bringing the work not only before his students, but also before public schools, churches and Sunday-schools, and teachers' gatherings.

Mr. Jefferson Butler is endeavoring to secure the passage of a compulsory humane education law in Michigan. Last summer we arranged with Prof. John Burke, who traveled from Wyoming to Missouri to give Band of Mercy talks in different schools and to distribute our literature. Humane education is being promoted in Idaho by Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols, who has successfully interested school superintendents and addressed schools, church gatherings, and other assemblies.

#### Foreign Work

Our work abroad is steadily increasing. While the work of the Constantinople Society has been seriously hindered during the year by the unsettled state of affairs in Turkey, yet Mrs. Alice W. Manning has continued to distribute and translate many of our books and pamphlets. A large supply of literature was sold in Bulgaria. A branch of the Constantinople Societe Protectrice des Animaux has been organized in Salonica. Bands of Mercy have been formed in the American Mission and in the Protestant Armenian schools at Ourfa, Turkey. Seven Angell Prize Contest medals have been sent, to be used as oratorical prizes in the American colleges in Turkey.

M. Jerome Perinet is awakening great interest among educators in Switzerland and adjacent countries where he is introducing the Band of Mercy idea. He finds that information on this subject is constantly being sought by journals published in French, Portuguese, Swiss, German and Italian. The minister of public instruction in Russia has asked him to prepare a pamphlet, to be sent to all the teachers in the empire. The most encouraging results have been accomplished in France, where M. Perinet found several influential people ready to assist, the most notable being a deputy of Paris, through whose efforts it is expected that Bands of Mercy will become established in all the schools of the republic. M. Roger des Varennes, editor of the *Revue Illustrée des Animaux*, Paris, is already taking an active part in organizing Bands. Public and private schools in several cities have been systematically organized. In Switzerland there is much interest in the work and Bands are being formed in several cantons.

The Band of Mercy founded by Mrs. Jeannette Ryder in Havana is one of the most effective humane societies in existence. It maintains a Refuge for Abandoned Animals, and its influence in preventing cruelty is felt throughout the entire republic. Mrs. Ryder has been instrumental in suppressing bull-fighting and many other cruel customs of the island. She finds an eager demand for the literature with which we continue to supply her. Recently she has added the care of many unfortunate children to her already noble ministries. Our cooperation with her financially and by correspondence is constant.

A new field was entered this year when a

request came for literature to be sent to Honduras, where Bands of Mercy are to be formed among the children in Tegucigalpa. Through the interest of a generous friend we have been enabled to print the Band of Mercy buttons and pledge cards in Spanish, also to have a complete translation into Spanish made and printed of our "Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals," thousands of copies of which have been sent to South America, particularly to Chile.

#### Bands of Mercy

Excellent Band of Mercy work is constantly reported to us from societies in many states as well as from other organizations and individuals. The Louisiana State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has created much interest among school children in New Orleans by offering prizes for essays on humane subjects. Many Bands are being established by Miss Louise H. Guyol not only in the schools but among influential adults. The police are in hearty cooperation with the work, and the various stations have been regularly organized. An officer told the superintendent of the Society that "he knew of no other movement that had proved of such interest to the police." We have just entered into an arrangement with the State Society to share part of the expense in a campaign of humane education in Louisiana.

Bands of Mercy in Sunday-schools and also in the public schools of Bath, Maine, and vicinity, are being instituted by Miss Alice May Douglas, who is much interested in humane work. The Rhode Island Humane Education Society continues its faithful service in the schools of that state. Bands of Mercy are being systematically organized in the schools of Connecticut by the State Humane Society, which enrolled 6000 members during the closing months of the school year, and has since greatly increased the enrollment. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Rock Island (Illinois) County Humane Society has secured the cooperation of school authorities with the result that the schools are being thoroughly enlisted in the Band of Mercy cause. Duluth, Minnesota, has a superintendent of schools who requests a regular report from his teachers on humane education, which has opened the way for many children to join the Band of Mercy.

Our state agent has been constantly employed in the schools of Massachusetts, where many towns and cities have been reached and each school-room formed into a separate Band. The annual Humane Day in Massachusetts was observed April 16. A new "Humane Manual" of thirty-two pages was published and 15,000 copies distributed gratuitously, besides a quantity of humane calendars and other literature. The day will be observed this year as usual and the "manual" for it is now being mailed to superintendents.

During the year there were reported to this office 3461 new Bands, scattered throughout thirty-eight states, several provinces of Canada, Turkey and India.

#### Now a Publishing House

The American Humane Education Society has become a veritable publishing house, having brought out three original books during the year: "The Birds of God," a portfolio of anecdotes by Theron Brown, "Prince Rudolf's Quest," a story of adventure by Ida Kenniston, and "The Humane Idea," a brief history of the development of the humane spirit, by the President of the Society. The first two have found their way into the hands of the booksellers, "The Birds of God" being used for supplementary reading in several schools in Massachusetts. Several new leaflets and pamphlets have been

added to our already large supply. "The Horse's Prayer" still continues in high favor, our own circulation of it having exceeded 100,000. One of the large English societies has found it their most popular leaflet. It has already been translated into nine different languages, and arrangements are being made by one of our active friends for publishing both "The Horse's Prayer" and "Black Beauty" in Moon-type for the blind.

There continues to be a steady demand for our five special humane books, published both in cloth and paper at very low prices, and they are being called for from all parts of the Union. Three hundred bound volumes of *Our Dumb Animals* were presented to hotels in New England and elsewhere. Our traveling libraries, of thirty volumes each, have been in circulation throughout the year from Massachusetts to California.

#### Efforts in New Fields

Letters have been sent to the officers of the World's Seventh Sunday-school Convention, to be held during the summer of 1913 in Zurich, Switzerland, calling attention to the need of humane work and urging that a place be given in the program for a discussion of the value of humane education in the International Sunday-school lesson series. A supply of literature was given to the American Sunday-school Union for distribution among its various home missions.

Arrangements have been made with the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, through the Commissioner, to have humane education taken up in all the Indian schools, and to this end we have begun correspondence with the 138 superintendents to whom we shall send such literature as they will need for this purpose.

Letters addressed to superintendents of public schools and asking them to cooperate in humane work to the extent of sending out other letters, to be furnished by the American Humane Education Society, to their teachers, have been mailed to all the superintendents in Vermont, South Carolina and Idaho. Immediately responses came from many of these men and large quantities of letters for their teachers and helps for humane teaching have been sent to them. This is but the beginning of a work which we are planning to extend to every state where there are no humane societies, and to other states so far as it can be done in cooperation with existing local organizations.

Our Societies were represented at the Indianapolis Convention of the American Humane Association by both the President and Secretary, who each had a part in the program. There was an extensive exhibition of our literature, and many thousands of copies of our publications were given away. Many packages of literature have been donated to various teachers' and W. C. T. U. Institutes, agricultural fairs, dog shows, and similar gatherings and exhibits throughout the country.

#### Finances of Both Societies

We fear that the public generally fail to understand the necessity of expending large sums of money to accomplish the work of our two Societies—one a national and the other a state organization.

In the first place the men and women employed must be adapted to the work, intelligent, painstaking, and knowing both what they can and cannot do legally; otherwise we should be involved in endless controversies and litigation. The paid agents upon whom we depend must be men of more than usual ability. While seeking constantly for more ample protection for "those who cannot speak for themselves" it is essential



that we be law-abiding. We must command the respect of the courts.

An officer, who by reason of exceptional qualities, could secure a generous salary in other positions, is worth many times as much to us as the one who could obtain elsewhere only an inferior position. Traveling expenses for which the calls are constant are very large and must also be considered. In addition to the cost of administration more than twenty-six thousand dollars has been spent the past year for these two items—salaries of agents, humane education workers, and their expenses.

Again, the cost of humane literature distributed gratuitously, including the expense of *Our Dumb Animals*, beyond what we receive for it, amounts, with postage, to some twenty thousand dollars more. Three thousand dollars was paid for the beautiful memorial fountain erected in Post Office Square in honor of Mr. Angell. The amount expended for the relief of horses at the various watering-stations during the summer and fall was \$1740.30.

These items with the addition of large amounts necessarily paid for rents of our many offices (until we get our new building), for telephone charges all over the state, for expressage, legal and veterinary services, stationery, ambulance and sundries of all sorts, make the expenses of the two Societies for the year \$115,963.17. Of this amount \$86,946.37 was expended for the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and \$29,016.80 for the American Humane Education Society.

To more than offset this amount the money received from all sources has been above the average, so that in addition to the sums paid the trustees of our permanent fund, the interest on which will come to us in the future, we have on hand with which to meet the expenses of the new year, \$29,259.15.

We cannot, we dare not, refuse to widen our work as the field widens. We have gone forward, believing our friends and contributors wanted to see more and not less accomplished, and we are glad to say that their cooperation and support have made advancement possible in every department.

A detailed statement of receipts and expenditures is sent the State Board of Charities.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President.

#### REPORT OF CHIEF PROSECUTING OFFICER

Number of complaints received	15,485
Number of animals examined	55,193
Number of prosecutions	315
Number of convictions	271
Number horses taken from work	1,699
Number of worn-out or injured horses painlessly destroyed	1,404
Number of horses watered during summer 1912	280,865
Cattle, sheep and swine examined at the stock-yards during the year	361,936
Sick or injured cattle, sheep and swine painlessly destroyed at stock-yards by our agents during the year	1,160

#### SPECIMEN CASES

- No. 1. For cruelly beating a pair of horses which were overloaded with grain, two men were fined \$25 each.
  - No. 2. For non-sheltering young calves, a drover was fined \$150. This was an aggravated case, some of the calves being only a few days old.
  - No. 3. For cruelly beating a horse, which resulted in its death, a man paid a fine of \$50.
  - No. 4. For leading a poor worn-out horse through the streets for the purpose of selling it at auction, a coal dealer was fined \$35.
  - No. 5. For cruelly mutilating a cat with an axe, a man was fined \$15.
  - No. 6. For starving his cows, a man was sent to the House of Correction for two months.
  - No. 7. For abandoning a horse, leaving it on the highway to die, a man paid a fine of \$50.
  - No. 8. For torturing a rat by burning it to death, a man paid a fine of \$25.
  - No. 9. For working a horse, worn-out and decrepit, after being warned, an expressman was fined \$50.
  - No. 10. For cruelly beating a lame cow which he was driving to market, a man was fined \$25.
  - No. 11. For permitting the use of horses suffering from sore backs, galled shoulders and general debility, divers owners of teams and carriages were fined in sums varying from \$20 to \$50.
- The directions to all our prosecuting agents are that it is always better when possible to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in the courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

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## Veterinary Column

**Question:** I have a horse whose eyes sometimes run, and do not seem strong. He also stumbles. Is there any cause for that? Mrs. W. B. J.

**Answer:** Defective vision may be the cause of stumbling. The discharge from the eyes may be the result of an inflamed tear-duct, an inflammation of the conjunctiva, or periodic ophthalmia, commonly called moon blindness. A very good lotion is the following:

Argyrol, 5% solution ..... 1 oz.

Ten drops in each eye twice a day.

**Question:** Will you please advise me of a remedy that will cure my horse of worms? F. H. C.

**Answer:** A very good prescription is the following:

Tartar emetic ..... 2 dr.

Aloes Barbadoes ..... 5 dr.

Give in capsule.

If, however, you are not acquainted with the use of capsules, you may give the following in the form of a drench:

Oil of turpentine ..... 2 oz.

Oleoresin of aspidium ..... 1 oz.

Linseed oil ..... 1 pt.

Give as one dose.

**Question:** Kindly advise me of a remedy to rid my cat of worms, which are about four inches long and very thin. Mrs. A. J.

**Answer:** Fluid extract spigelia

Fluid extract senna

Syrup of orange peel

Syrup of licorice root (of each, 2 dr.)

One-half teaspoonful on tongue every other morning for three mornings.

**Note:** This prescription may also be used for the cat of M. P. H. of Crookston, Minnesota.

**Question:** Can you say what causes my cocker spaniel, six years old, to have fits, falling down and frothing at the mouth? I have treated him for worms, but he has none. F. S. H.

**Answer:** Fits are sometimes an accompanying symptom of chronic indigestion, which may be the result of improper feeding, or the presence of foreign bodies in the intestinal canal. Would recommend feeding raw meat once a day, and a mild cathartic occasionally, as

Syrup cascara sagrada ..... 1 oz.

One teaspoonful on the tongue, twice a week. If no improvement is shown from this treatment, you should consult a competent veterinarian.

**Question:** I have a Pomeranian dog. He was scalded on his side and lost some of his hair. Will you please tell me if there is anything I can put on to make the hair grow again? R. C. P. S.

**Answer:** I would advise free use of the following:

Lime water

Linseed oil (of each, 4 oz.)

Apply freely three times a day.

**Question:** My bay mare has a lot of froth at her mouth, and many times during the day she shakes her head. Will you advise me as to the trouble, and give a remedy? S. P. L.

**Answer:** Have her teeth examined at once by a competent veterinarian.

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